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FORTY-FIVE TO BE PROMOTED

One of Largest Classes to Be Graduated From the Eighth Grade.

WILL HOLD EXERCISES FRIDAY

Rev. W. L. Gelston Will Make the Address to the Large Graduating Class.

The midyear promotion exercises of the eighth grade will be held Friday afternoon at 2:00 in the junior high room in the Washington school on East Superior street.

The class which will be promoted is as large as any in past years, there being forty-five youngsters in the class, who will be ready to enter into the larger fields of education offered by the high school with the coming of another week.

The program for the exercises had not been entirely arranged at the time of going to press, but it was learned that Rev. W. L. Gelston of the First Presbyterian church will make the address to the graduates of the eighth grade. Music will be furnished by the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades.

The forty-five youngsters, who will finish the eighth grade work are Myrtle Adams, Minerva Archer, Gladys Ayling, Leslie Alrich, Elmer Atkinson, Paul Bennett, Loretta Barry, William Cresser, Elliot Crooks, Edna Crossen, Georgia Coonrod, Benjamin Davis, Vesta Elliott, Beulah Fuller, Frank Hooper, Lettie Hardy, Olive Holcinger, John Holmes, Zoretta Ide, Russell Johnson, Woodburn Lamb, George Tomer, John Hyde, Elma Lyon, Marjorie Miller, Russell McCarthy, Margaret McLaren, Helene Pettyjohn, Janet Patterson, Minnie Peska, Irene Rollin, Victor Slater, Irene Root, Ruth Richards, Gerald Smith, Nelda Smith, Lois Smith, Bernadette Sawkins, Wayland West, Alice Woodward, Paul Bragg, Elizabeth Grubb, Lowell Veeder, Lucinda Wood and Lora Sawyer.

OPEN SCHOOL

New Republic School Will Be Opened in Two Weeks It Is Reported.

The new \$45,000.00 Republic school at the corner of Republic and Eastward streets, is rapidly nearing completion and it is the expectation of the school board and Superintendent A. F. Schultz that it will be ready for use two weeks from Monday.

When the construction of the building was first started it had been planned to use it for only the first six grades, but since that time the crowded conditions of the Alma public schools have become such that it is now found necessary to use it for the first seven grades and there is a possibility that before very long it will be an eight grade building.

Present plans call for the attendance of only those living east of Bridge and Grover avenues at the new Republic school, a number that will be in the neighborhood of 400 pupils in various grades.

The new structure is very near fireproof, being entirely of concrete and brick construction, except for the roof. The floors of the corridors and stairways, etc., are all of concrete. The floors of the various rooms, doors and casings, window casings and trimmings in the halls and rooms contain practically all of the wood that is to be found in the building.

The school has four rooms on the first floor, one being a large kindergarten room, which is on the west side of the building facing Republic avenue. To the north of this room are located the boys' toilets and the principal's room, while on the south of the room are located the girls' toilets and the teacher's rest room. On the east side of the building on this floor are located three class rooms.

Stairways at each end of the building lead to the second floor, which contains six class rooms. One of these, which will probably be used for an assembly room is located over the kindergarten room and is of the same size. There is a class room located to the north and one to the south of this room. On the east side of the building on this floor are located three class rooms, which correspond in size to those which are located on the floor below.

There is a separate coat room for each of the class rooms, which promise to do away with much of the confusion and noise which is usually apparent when classes are dismissed. Each room also has a separate coat room for the instructor.

With the opening of this new building much of the congestion that has been noticed in the other buildings for months will disappear, but many of the rooms will continue to be crowded. This will be especially true of the high school, where there are seats available for about twenty-five new students. About forty new students will go into the high school this coming week, making the condition there serious. This means that this coming summer there must be an entire rearrangement of the seats in the high school room, in order that additional students may be accommodated in another year.

Smoke the best, Wanigan.—64-1f

HOLD CONFERENCE

Boys' Conference to Be Held in Ithaca Saturday and Sunday.

The Gratiot County Boys' Y. M. C. A. conference will be held in Ithaca on Saturday and Sunday, February 8 and 9, at which time a number of good speakers will be present to address the boys on timely subjects of importance.

Among the speakers who will be present at the meeting are George Carhart of Detroit, who is the acting state secretary for the boys' organization; Walter Witt of Brown City, L. C. Reiman of Ypsilanti and H. M. Crooks, president of Alma college.

It is announced that on Saturday afternoon, February 8, there will be basketball games during the recreation hours. The delegations expected to be represented by basketball teams should make certain that all members of the team are present.

Mr. Murdock, county secretary, is planning on having a conference picture taken on Saturday afternoon. The various delegations will be allowed to display their banners in the picture.

Those who are contemplating attending the boys' conference are requested to see that their registration cards are sent in promptly. They are to be sent to Clyde Pinney of Ithaca before February 4, except for those who live in Alma, whose cards are to be filed with J. A. Gerhardt. The first cards sent in will be the first which will be given attention, it is announced.

GLASS & HANNAH

LEASE CAPLE BLOCK

Hardware Firm Will Move into Newly Leased Building in Near Future.

It was announced Monday that the firm of Glass & Hannah had leased for a period of years, the Caple hardware building on Superior street, and that the firm would move its hardware stock to that location in the very near future.

Seen Monday Mr. Glass stated that the present lease for the Caple building does not expire until March, at which time the new lease will take effect. He also stated that the firm would probably move its hardware stock to the new location within the next ninety days.

It is the intention of Glass & Hannah to do considerable remodeling in the new place, and to install new fixtures and cases, making the store up to the minute in every respect.

It is understood that the lease secured by Glass & Hannah calls for the leasing of the entire building, and that the firm has sub-leased the second floor to Luchini & Rudeck, proprietors of the Republic Billiard hall, for the same period for which they leased the building.

It is expected that as soon as the Sanderhoff building is vacated, that Mr. McKee of the Model Bakery, will start remodeling the structure to make it ready for his bakery business. It is expected that he will move into his new building sometime during the spring, probably within a month after the present occupants move to their new quarters.

TWO VISITS

Article by Hubbard Tells of Changes in Alma in Ten Years.

In looking over Elbert Hubbard's "Philistine" of March, 1903, we found an article about Alma. Alma didn't know about Republic then neither did Elbert Hubbard, who said in his article:

"Twenty years ago I was a traveling man. I made the Michigan towns from Detroit to Bay City and Saginaw, and then across to Grand Rapids and down to Alma."

"I wore a dinky derby, spring-bottom pants, a red necktie, a waxed mustache, and a warm vest that would have made that coat of Joseph's seem like the silence. I used to have a new vest every trip, and it was always a miracle in chromatics. "But this was nothing to my smile—my smile was contagious—when I arrived in a place everybody smiled, and invited others to smile. The man who deals out Red Raven Spills smiled, the bus driver smiled, the babies cooed, and the dining-room girls giggled, when I came to town. That is what!"

"I scattered smiles, lilac-tinted stories, good cheer, and silver small change all over the route."

"Business was good up around that country. But there came a day when things began to relax. Things were going to the devil—everybody said so."

"Recently I traveled over the same route again. "I looked for the lumber mills, but they were not there. Span-new brick and stone factories stood where the old saw mills once were."

"I thought this country was going to the devil! "I said to my friend, Dr. George F. Butler, of Alma."

"We thought so, too, but we were wrong," smiled the doctor, "it is the sugar beet!"

Had Elbert Hubbard visited Alma twelve years later he would have been told, "It's the trucks!" and he would have found a thriving town built around our truck plant with other industries booming on account of it.

DELANVAN BLOCK CHANGES HANDS

First Brick Structure in Alma Has Been Sold to Alma Merchant.

PROUD IS THE NEW OWNER

New Front and Extensive Remodeling in Near Future is Prospect for Building.

Another real estate deal, featuring business property in the city, has taken place during the past few days. W. S. Proud, having purchased the Charles A. Delavan block in which his store has been located since he came to this city.

Mr. Proud came to Alma from Charlotte, where he had been in business for about ten years. He has been in Alma for about three and one-half years and during that time has been enjoying a good business.

It is the intention of Mr. Proud in the very near future to remodel the structure which he has purchased by putting in a new front of the most modern and most approved type, widening out the building as much as possible, and making other improvements which will make it in keeping with the growth of the city.

A good knowledge of real estate, in which he has dealt considerably, since coming here, convinced him that the acquiring of the structure would be a good business investment and he immediately took the necessary steps to purchase the building.

The Charles A. Delavan building purchased by Mr. Proud, is said to be the first brick structure to have been built in Alma, and was constructed in 1874 by H. A. Delavan, who came to this city a few years before, and opened a general store, which continued in the Delavan family until purchased a few years ago by Mr. Proud.

BOTH LOSE

College Defeated in Close Game—High School Five is Swamped.

Both the Alma college and Alma high school basketball quintets were defeated Friday evening, the college five losing to the fast M. A. C. Fresh team 25 to 19, and the high school being badly defeated by Greenville on a small floor 51 to 19.

The college battle on the high school floor here was one of the prettiest staged in some years. While the M. A. C. five is properly speaking an all-fresh team, it is composed of some stars who would be playing on the regular M. A. C. team except for the three-year rule. Heasley, former Grand Rapids "Y" star, is one of the three glittering lights on the Fresh five, whom the regular team would like.

Using a five man defense the All-Fresh gave Helmer's green five something new to figure out, and it proved a defense which the Almaties could not penetrate to any great extent. The All-Fresh were bothered somewhat by the Alma defense, Tebo, stationary guard, playing by far the best brand of basketball that he has shown this year, keeping the Aggies going at all times. A few lucky long shots gave the victors the lead which handed them the game.

The floor work of both teams was superb and kept the crowd on edge every minute of the contest, as both were following the ball closely, and using every possible opportunity to intercept passes.

The work of Tebo, Crittenden and Anderson featured the entire game for the Maroon and Cream. Heasley held down the heavy end for the visitors.

ALMA M. A. C.
G. Richards L. F. Gilkey, Capt.
D. Smith P. F. Heasley
Anderson, Capt. C. Zimmerman
Tebo L. G. Bos
Crittenden R. G. Hutchings
Substitutions—F. Smith for G. Richards, B. Richards for Tebo, Anderson for Crittenden, Quinn for Anderson, Wilson for Bos.

Field baskets—Heasley 5, Zimmerman 4, Gilkey 2, Hutchings; Anderson 2, D. Smith 2, F. Smith 2, G. Richards, Crittenden. Fouls—D. Smith 3 out of 8; Gilkey 1 out of 4. Score first half—All Fresh 13, Alma 8. Referee—M. Smith, Alma.

The high school team went to Greenville, and Maxwell's green team was unable to adjust itself to the changed conditions, and suffered from a bad defeat. The game was played in a small gymnasium. The court was small, and was made still more so during the progress of the game, by a crowd which kept getting over the sidelines onto the court. No out-of-bounds were called during the game, which also hindered the work of the Alma five, which was not used to diving into a crowd to get a ball, which went outside. Every thing worked to the advantage of the Greenville team, and it won easily.

The locals have a return game with Greenville later in the season and feel confident that on the Alma floor in the large high school gymnasium, they will defeat Greenville by a large score.

Best ice cream. DeLuxe.—77-1f-c

STARTED CASE

Thornburgh Case Being Tried in Justice Court in Ithaca.

The trial of Dr. Frank C. Thornburgh of this city, charged with the violation of public health laws, was started in justice court in Ithaca before John W. Myers, justice of the peace, on Wednesday.

The case is an outgrowth of the alleged violation of the influenza quarantine at the home of Mrs. Worden in October, when Albert Worden was seriously ill.

The case was started yesterday morning, but it was not until mid-afternoon that a jury was secured. A large number of witnesses were subpoenaed by both prosecution and defense, and as a result the case was not finished yesterday.

MORRIS MESSINGER

SELLS HIS STORE

Ypsilanti Man, Fresh from Army Life, Has Purchased Well Known Store.

Morris Messinger, proprietor of the M. Messinger clothing store, opposite the Wright House on Superior street has sold his business to John Burkheiser of Ypsilanti, Michigan, who has already taken possession of the store.

Mr. Messinger had been in business in this city for the past four years, being located in the present quarters for a greater part of that time. Previous to this he was in business for many years in St. Louis. His sole reason for selling is that he wishes to have leisure time to enjoy himself, after having been so many years in business. He stated that the business that he had enjoyed in Alma had been very good and that he was more than satisfied with the patronage which he had received. He expects to remain in this city in the future.

John M. Burkheiser, the new proprietor, who comes to this city from Ypsilanti, is experienced in the clothing business, having been a member of one of the best known firms in that city for some years. Uncle Sam wound up his affairs in that business by calling upon him to join in the big scrap, and he donned the khaki and went into training in Texas.

Following his discharge he returned to Ypsilanti, closed up his business affairs there entirely and sought a new field of endeavor, which he has found in Alma.

WRITES MOTHER

Nick Carter Tells of Battles He Has Been Through in France.

Nick Carter has written a very interesting letter to his mother, Mrs. Benjamin Carter of this city, in which he tells of a number of the battles which he has gone through, some of which are the most important battles during the last year of the war.

He has been with the M. T. C. and attached to the French army all of the time, except at Chateau Thierry, when the American forces won their first notable victory. The letter follows:

Le Chesne, France, Dec. 10, 1918

Dear Mother:

Well, here we are close to the Belgian border, and only a few miles from Sedan, famous for great battles of other wars.

Our outfit has been within three miles of Germany, and I must say the hospitality of the Belgians is wonderful.

I suppose you are wondering when we shall arrive in the good old U. S. A., and believe me we are as anxious as anyone to get there, which we hope will be soon.

We have been at the front ever since we landed and have received letters of thanks from Gen. Petain and official recognition for participation in eight battles, and also have decorations coming which have been passed by all French officials, if we can only get the American O. K. K., which by the way seems to be a long time coming.

The French army is ready to release us providing the Americans will send us home, so the rumor goes, and here's hoping.

We were at Soissons, Compeigne, Montdidier, Chateau Thierry, Tere-en-Tardinois, St. Quentin, Ciegies, Coucy-le-Chateau, and many other places that are famous, but the closest one of all was at Coucy-le-Chateau on April 6, where we had plenty of gas and shrapnel, and the Boche captured what we had hauled just two hours after we got out.

"I had a grand permission and enjoyed myself very much. Sent Leone some music from Paris and tried to send other things but was not allowed to do so. Have a great many souvenirs I would like to send now, but am afraid I cannot do so as we are unable to get boxes to Paris and won't be able to carry much."

Will close with love to all,

Nick.

Correspondents are requested to get their news matter to The Record earlier in the week in the future. Of late we have been forced to leave out several good news letters each week because they were received too late for publication. If possible mail the correspondence on Monday.

CITY ENJOYING HEALTHY GROWTH

Religious Census Taken Sunday Shows Alma Growing Rapidly.

TWENTY-SIX EMPTY HOUSES

Workers Found Twenty-Four Religious Denominations in the City.

The contemplated religious census day afternoon by workers from all of the city of Alma was taken Sunday the churches of the city, and brought forth many interesting facts, chief among which probably is that Alma now has well over 7,000 people on a conservative estimate.

The census was taken under the direction of the Gratiot County Sunday School association, after considerable preliminary work had been gone over, including the holding of four schools of instruction for the workers who took the census.

The city was divided into 123 districts, for which maps had been prepared, that the workers might better be able to cover the territory assigned to them. Well over two hundred workers aided in taking the census, which was completed in about two hours.

William McFadden, general secretary, in charge of this work, stated Tuesday that 1806 calls were made, which based upon the average of four people to a home, used by the government, indicates that Alma now has at least 7,224 people within her corporate limits.

One feature which is impressive of the growth of Alma is the fact that in the entire city only twenty-six vacant houses were found by the solicitors. This, with the knowledge that there have been several hundred houses constructed in Alma in the past three years, shows a very healthy growth in the community.

The religious census brought forth the fact that there are an even two dozen religious sects in this city, this being a far greater number than anyone had expected would be found here.

Almost without exception the various workers were very well treated at the homes of the city, there being only three out of the 1806 homes in Alma where the information asked for, was refused. This good treatment indicates that much good may result from the religious census if the proper steps are taken by the churches to bring those within their doors who have expressed a preference for any one church, or who possibly did not give any preference, although frequently going to some place of worship.

It is understood that most of the churches intend to use a follow-up system to gather in new members as a result of the census, the pastor of a church to visit a home where a preference for his church was mentioned, and members of the various Sunday school classes to also use their influence in securing new members.

It is understood that all expense connected with the census is to be met by the United Church association, which has paid, or has funds to pay all sums contracted in the work.

LIEUTENANT WRITES

Lieutenant Floyd Smith Writes an Interesting Letter.

Lieutenant Floyd Smith of this city, who is with the 77th (New York) Division in France, has written a very interesting letter to his father, which The Record is glad to publish.

The letter mentions the fact that there are only two Michigan men in the battalion, Smith and Andre, a lad from Ithaca. It so happened that these two men are the only ones in the division who have been recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross.

The letter tells of Smith's meeting with several former Alma men who are well known here, including Lieut. Ed Johnston, and Aviator Koepfgen. The letter follows:

December 27, 1918

Dear Father and All:

Your letter of November 24th arrived a few days ago and seemed mighty good. I did not know of a day set apart to write home. It was probably advertised more there than here. At that time I was in Nice, having the best vacation I have ever had. Not only the scenery and the climate, both of which are the finest in the world, but the change from a hole in the ground to a bed and from bully beef to regular meals made it a good vacation.

Since the signing of the armistice my division has been moved to an area close to Chaumont which is the headquarters of the A. E. F. Our battalion is in a small village not far from there and I am billeted with some old French people who certainly try to make things comfortable.

They live by and cook over an old fire-place and that is where I spend a great deal of my time. There is not much to do here now. We drill five hours a day but the spirits of the men are low and every one is anxious to go home. It is (Continued on page four)

TWO BATTLES

College Meets Adrian and High Schoolers Play Arthur Hill.

Two hard battles are listed for Friday night of this week, the Adrian college basketball five playing the college quintet and the high school team meeting the strong Arthur Hill eagles of Saginaw.

The Adrian college five is one of the two teams which last year tied with Alma in the three-cornered dead heat for the Michigan Intercollegiate championship, and for that reason the bout Friday night with the Adrian five takes on more than ordinary interest. The Adrianites are coming to Alma with a good record and it is expected that a hot battle will be seen.

The local collegians are in good shape for a hot go, which they are expecting, but with his men all in shape, Helmer is expecting to see his team win. Helmer severs his connection with Alma college immediately after the game.

The Arthur Hill high school team of Saginaw, which battles the local high schoolers in the preliminary to the college game, is a strong one, and should give the Alma five a great battle. The high schoolers are coming strong and it is expected that they will give the Saginaw court quintet a great game.

Mr. and Mrs. U. A. Miller take management of Liberty and Idlehour theatres beginning next Sunday. That means good shows.—adv.

Buy the best. Buy DeLuxe.—77-1f

MILLERS TO MANAGE

TWO MOVIE HOUSES

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Take Over Management of Liberty and Idlehour Sunday.

It has been announced that A. H. Ashley, who for the past year has been the manager of the Liberty theatre and for the past several months the manager of the Idlehour theatre, has resigned his position, and that beginning Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Miller will take over the management of both houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller formerly owned the Idlehour theatre of this city, disposing of their interests to the owners of the Liberty theatre about a year ago. During the time that they were connected with the Idlehour theatre, the movie house enjoyed the largest crowds in its history, the management going out of its way to secure the best possible pictures for the patrons of the show house.

Some time ago Mr. Miller became connected with the sales department of the Republic Motor Truck company, and shortly after this the theatre was sold by Mr. Miller.

The public is certain to give Mr. and Mrs. Miller a welcome, when they return to the movie business here next week, as they have in the past proven most capable managers of such institutions.

A. H. Ashley, who last week tendered his resignation as manager of the two moving picture houses, has accepted a position in Detroit, and will move to that city shortly after the first of the month. He will carry the good wishes of numerous Alma people with him, close friends that he has made since coming to Alma.

INSTALL OFFICERS

The Woman's Relief corps, No. 183, met at the I. O. O. F. hall Wednesday afternoon for the regular business meeting and for the installation of the newly elected officers. Following is the list of officers installed: president, Alice Titus; senior vice president, Nora Shaver; junior vice president, Mayeretta Hawley; chaplain, Kate Rockwell; secretary, Ellen Pardee; treasurer, Martha Walker; conductor, Hattie Davis; assistant conductor, Kate Swarthout; board, Gladys Gray; assistant board, Millie Perry; patriotic instructor, Georgianna Irish; press correspondent, Ada L. Greig; color bearers, Cora Lewis, Dell Irish, Ella Patterson, Laura Mattern; musician, May Dick; installing officer, Ada Greig.

WILL COACH TEAM

It is understood that beginning with Saturday, T. Arnold Robinson will have charge of the Alma basketball team, pending the choice of a successor to Coach Harry Helmer.

With some of the hardest battles of the season ahead of the team, the job that Mr. Robinson has mapped out for himself is no small one, and will keep him busy for the next month and a half. He will start his first week facing two hard bouts, as Alma plays Olivet Thursday night at Olivet and the Ypsilanti Normals on Friday night.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Morton's Pep dancing parties, beginning Wednesday, January 29, and each week thereafter, will be held in the K. of P. hall, above the Liberty theatre. Morton's Saxophone orchestra, with trombone, saxophone and drum novelties. Oh, boy, some jazz! Make each Wednesday night the big night of the week! A regular whale of a time. Won't it be splendid?

80-1-c

Charlie Chaplin's newest and funniest picture, "Shoulder Arms," at the Liberty soon.—adv.

DUEL STAGED WITH ROBBERS

Bullets Went Through Officer's Clothes During an Alley Battle.

ENTERED GERHARDT STORE

Shankel, Attempting to Surprise the Law Breakers, Nearly Lost His Life.

Albert Shankel, one of Alma's three night policemen, had a narrow escape from death early Tuesday morning in a running battle with two robbers who had gained entrance to the J. A. Gerhardt dry goods store on East Superior street, two bullets going through his coat.

It seems that two men attempted to rob the store, gaining an entrance to the store, by forcing the back door of the place.

Officer Shankel, hearing a noise from the alley, started to investigate, and it is evident that he was heard by the robbers as he started down the alley towards the store. As he reached a point near the back door of the store, the two men emerged from the store and started running across the alley, towards the rear of the Gaffney block.

One of them said, "Get the ——" and started to fire, being almost upon the officer at the time, so close that as the bullet went through his coat, that powder marks were left on his breast.

Shankel opened fire on the robbers who again fired at him, and again the bullet went through his coat. He had time to fire only twice before the two men disappeared behind the Gaffney building, the darkness swallowing them up, and aiding them to escape.

Assistance speedily came to Shankel from the other officers, and the territory was gone over carefully but the men had made good their escape.

It is hardly thought that local talent was responsible for the attempted robbery.

BUYS LAND

Company Purchases Forty Acres of Ground for Truck Plant.

Just as The Record was going to press word was received through one of the officers of the Twin Cities Realty company, that forty acres of ground, owned by the concern on the St. Louis-Alma road, had been purchased as the site of the new truck factory which is to be located on this road in St. Louis.

It is understood that the company expects to employ about 25,000 men when it reaches full running capacity, according to the present plans of the concern.

The Bollstrom Motors company is an organization of several of the best mechanical and automotive engineers our country has produced, and are second to none in their own spheres of efficiency. The company will manufacture trucks of the four-wheel drive type. The parts covered by the Bollstrom patents have been tested and have a proven adaptability for negotiating bad roads, heavy hauling and hill climbing. Many of the features pertaining to the parts covered by the Bollstrom patents are not to be found in any other four-wheel driven trucks now being produced.

The buildings will be modern in every way. The main unit exclusive of power plant and administration building, will cover 320,000 square feet of ground.

With the Bollstrom plant built on the site selected, adjoining the line between Alma and St. Louis, we can see the combining of the two towns into one large business center.

The engineering company which merges into the big organization has had an extremely successful campaign, in the floating of its stock. In fact so anxious and so confident were the prospective buyers of the securities, that the company finds its stock oversubscribed.

Mr. Henry H. Soule of the First State Bank of Alma will act as trustee and will handle all funds up to \$100,000.00 of the pre-organization stock for the big corporation, at which time the big corporation will be formed and take over the assets of the engineering company and proceed with the work that usually maintains at the inception of big corporations preparatory to the construction of the buildings, installation of machinery, etc.

The new enterprise will be a great asset to the community. A great deal of local capital will be attracted toward the preorganization subscriptions which alone vouches for the possible success of the new enterprise.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

There will be a special United States civil service examination for clerk-carrier for employment at the Alma post office, on February 8. Full information as to the examination may be secured from Merrill Stuckey, secretary of the local board, at the Alma post office.

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